

# PINE FOREST SET ON FIRE BY RUSSIANS

Country West of Dvinsk is Seething Furnace—Aim is to Compel Retirement of German Forces.

## PEOPLE ARE ORDERED TO EVACUATE MINSK

Balloons Containing Asphyxiating Gases Are Being Sent Up to Burst Over Dvinsk. Country Devastated.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—In addition to the heavy German artillery fire against the western defenses of the fortress of Dvinsk (Duanberg) Gen. von Hindenburg's troops are making terrible bayonet assaults against the Russian lines.

News of the capture of Dvinsk by the Germans is expected within 48 hours, despite the tremendous obstacles which the lakes and swamps west and south of the city offer to the attacking troops.

Great pine forests west of Dvinsk, in the region of Novo Alexandrovsk have been set on fire by the Russians to compel retirement of the Germans from their advanced positions and for miles the countryside is a seething furnace.

There is only one point on the 250-mile front from the Pripiet river to the Baltic where the Russians are able to attempt an offensive movement, that is in the region of Lennawaden, northwest of Friederichstadt, where today's dispatches report hard fighting is in progress.

In the section east of Vilna the Germans have now pushed forward till they are 45 miles southeast of that city and they are attacking the Russian rear guard between Smorgonje and Molodatschno.

East of Lida where the troops of Prince Leopold's command have crossed the Gawja river, the Germans are making progress in the face of strong Russian counter attacks.

Prince Leopold's troops are at grips with the Russians on a wide front southeast of Lida, stretching from a point east of the Gawja river, through Baranovitch to a point near Telenchany, east of the Oginski canal. This line crosses two important railways that lead toward Minsk. There has been a lull in the southwest theater.

## EVACUATE MINSK.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 23.—Russian military authorities have ordered the evacuation of Minsk by its civilian population. The evacuation is now in progress.

German troops are now assailing Dvinsk by land, by water and by air. While the Teutons are bombarding the fortress with their heavy artillery, balloons containing asphyxiating gas are being sent up to burst over the city. Forces that succeeded in reaching the Dvina river near Dubena launched fire craft equipped with bombs which carried them up the river almost to the Dvinsk piers.

Chief interest in the military situation centers today on Minsk and Dvinsk. The former city is the point to which Gen. Evert's Vilna army is retreating. It is the junction of the Minsk-Moscow and the Minsk-Gomel railways. It is an important manufacturing center with a population of more than 100,000. All the Minsk factories are being dismantled and the country west of the city laid waste by the retreating Russian army.

## ARE TAKING CHANCES.

Russian military experts assert that (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE.)

# VILLA'S ARMY IS IN FULL RETREAT

Recognition of Carranza is Merely Matter of Routine Discussion.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 23.—Reports that Carranza troops had captured Chihuahua were officially denied at Villa headquarters at Juarez today.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—With the Villa army in full retreat into Sonora and the advance of at least three constitutionalist armies upon Juarez begun, state department officials admitted today that the time of collapse of the convention party in Mexico was at hand.

Recognition of Carranza as the de facto government of the entire republic is now merely a matter of routine discussion of formal pledges of protection of foreign interests and official pronouncement.

It was revealed today that Gen. Carranza has decided to stand upon the terms of the protocol signed by the representatives of the United States, Argentina, Chile and Brazil at Niagara Falls in 1914.

Argentina it is authoritatively learned will not recognize Carranza until after the United States shall have considered Carranza's full statement of claims and shall have decided to grant him recognition. Argentina will wait a month or six weeks if necessary for the United States to act.

## WILL HOLD HUBBARD MEMORIAL SERVICES

Bar Association Will Honor Former Members Next Thursday When Laporte Lawyers Will Attend

Memorial services in honor of the late Judge Lucius Hubbard will be held by the St. Joseph County Bar association next Thursday morning at 9 o'clock in the circuit court room. Members of the Laporte circuit court bar have been invited to attend the services inasmuch as Judge Hubbard was the last judge of the old 32nd judicial circuit, which comprised both St. Joseph and Laporte counties.

Resolutions which have been prepared by the resolutions committee, Judge T. E. Howard, chairman, and J. S. Romig and W. A. Bugbee, will be read at the services and be spread upon the records of the court. Brief talks will be given by various members of the bar. Among those who have been placed on the program are Judge W. A. Funk, Judge George Ford, Judge Vernon Van Fleet, Samuel Parker and W. A. McInerney of this city and Judge James F. Gallagher and Frank E. Osborne of Laporte.

## PREPARING FOR WINTER

Civic Centers Will Use Schools Again This Year.

Schools all over the city where community center work has taken definite form are being put in shape for the winter's work. At Kaley school the auditorium is being wainscoted to permit basketball and other indoor games to be played. The auditorium was used for this purpose last year.

Laurel school will again be used by children and adults of that district during the winter. A number of repairs are being made in the auditorium.

Sample st. playground will be lighted at night for the first time Thursday night, last of the wiring having been completed Thursday.

## MRS. CRULL OBJECTS TO PROBATE OF WILL

Widow of Adam Crull Maintains That Husband Was Not of Sound Mind on March 1, 1911.

Mrs. Adam Crull has filed an objection to the probating of the will of Adam Crull, her husband, who died last Thursday. The will, dated March 1, 1911, disposes of property valued at approximately \$8,000. This property, which is largely in western land, is left by the will to the widow and to the decedent's brothers and sisters. The widow alleges that her husband was of unsound mind when the will was made and she asks that the property be distributed according to law.

## ARREST OTTO ROEDER

Man Under Indictment For First Degree Murder Again in Jail.

Otto Roeder, under indictment for the killing of Harry Love at Wyck in August, was arrested at 2 o'clock Thursday morning at his home at Wyck and was placed in the jail pending his trial in the circuit court. Roeder went out on a manslaughter charge under \$500 bond. The grand jury returned an indictment for first degree murder, under which bond cannot be given.

Roeder was in bed when he was found by Sheriff Cully and Deputy Sheriff Cully. There was difficulty in locating him for the reason that no one seemed to be willing to give the officers any information.

Harry Love is said to have died as the result of wounds received in a fight with Roeder.

## HELD FOR ROBBERY CHARGE

John Pridmore Bound Over to Circuit Court Grand Jury.

John Pridmore, 2009 Kenwood av., was bound over to the circuit court grand jury Thursday morning from city court, charged with highway robbery. His attorney waived preliminary examination in the lower court and bond was fixed at \$200. Pridmore is alleged to have held up and robbed a taxicab driver some time ago, after the driver had taken him to an obscure portion of the city.

He made a full confession of the affair, according to the police department, but in court he entered a plea of not guilty.

## FIND DEAD MEXICANS

Believed Men Were Killed by an American Rancher.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 23.—The bodies of two Mexicans were found last night by Texas rangers near a farm three miles from Harlingen. It is believed the Mexicans were killed by an American rancher who failed to report the incident.

## WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA

Carl Gish Will Represent Standard Oil Co. in Far East.

Carl Gish, 1021 E. Jefferson Blvd., will leave Saturday to represent the Standard Oil Co. in northern China and Japan for three years. Mr. Gish is a graduate of the local high school and Dartmouth university. He has been in the New York offices of the company for sometime.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Edward F. Edwards, actor, Troy, N. Y.; Lillian M. Bowles, Brighton, Eng.  
Kenneth F. Reid, clerk; Ruth Ewers.  
Milton M. Gernert, 922 N. Lawrence st.; Harriet D. Myczak, 113 North Shire dr.

# ALLIES MAKE LAST EFFORT IN BULGARIA

New Proposals Made to Sofia Government—Ministers Are Called Into Conference by King Ferdinand.

## GREECE IS BOUND BY TREATY TO AID SERBIA

Treaties Not Always Observed and Diplomats Admit There is Chance Greeks Will Refuse to Enter Conflict.

SOFIA, Sept. 23.—A royal decree mobilizing 27 classes of the Bulgarian army was promulgated early today. These classes comprise all the forces of Bulgaria.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Berlin dispatches affirm that Germany is confident Bulgaria will strike Serbia when the Austro-German troops began their invasion of that country, reports come today from correspondents in Rome that the return of Premier Venizelos to the Sofia government by the entente powers. They add that King Ferdinand has called his ministers into conference to discuss the latest proffers of the allies.

The Balkan problem has never been greater than at the present time. While the allies are anxious to keep Bulgaria neutral if they cannot enlist its aid against the Teutonic alliance, they are confronted with the danger of creating a real proponent out of King Ferdinand's realm which will henceforth demand a place in European councils. Already increased by the concessions of territory from Roumania and Turkey the Bulgarian kingdom would become prominent in the near east if it is given by Greece and Serbia all the land which was taken from it after the Balkan war.

Hitherto the powers have found it possible to stifle ambitions in the Balkans by encouraging racial and national antipathy, if they permitted Bulgaria to rise to power they would be able to regain control again only with the greatest difficulty.

## Will Antagonize Greece.

If they yield to the Sofia demands for Bulgarian neutrality they will necessarily antagonize Greece and Serbia. The latter country is under the wing of the entente, but Greece is not. The return of Premier Venizelos to power has not accomplished what the allies expected and it is apparent that German influence is still strong at the Athens court.

Greece is bound by treaty to assist Serbia if Bulgaria attacks the serbs, but the present war has taught diplomats that treaties are not always observed. They admit that reports of the mobilization of the Greek army do not necessarily mean that Greece will strike Bulgaria. This measure possibly being taken to preserve "armed neutrality," a phrase of which the Bulgarian diplomats are making extensive use.

## ENTHUSIASM HIGH.

SOFIA, Sept. 23.—(via Amsterdam, Sept. 23)—While Bulgaria has not yet entered the war, the war office has assumed supervision of all supply sources. Material deemed necessary for the army are being requisitioned.

Enthusiasm is high here and the Bulgarian troops are marching through the city, cheered by great crowds. Ovarations are given the ministers when they appear.

Premier Radoslawoff was summoned by King Ferdinand today and remained in conference with the ruler for two hours. Important dispatches are being exchanged between Sofia and the Bulgarian legations at Athens and Bucharest.

King Ferdinand expects to leave for army headquarters on Saturday, but the condition of his health probably will preclude his participation in any campaign.

## GERMAN SUBS SHELLED

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 23.—German submarines lying in the canal between Bruges and Zeebrugge were bombarded by allied aviators on both Sunday and Monday nights, says the Telegraaf today. German military factories in Bruges and military works were also shelled.

# START INVESTIGATION OF SUBWAY DISASTER

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Official investigation into the subway disaster which was pushed vigorously today while search of the debris continued in the hunt for four bodies believed to be buried near W. 24th st. Five hundred men dug into the mass of rock, asphalt and broken timbers all night, working under the glare of great arc lights.

The chief investigation under way was that conducted by District Atty. Perkins and the grand jury, though four other inquiries were also subsenas for four flagmen employed by the United States Realty and Improvement Co., the company excavating the new tube, the engineer and assistant engineer in charge of the work and the public service commission engineer having supervision over the work.

Attaches of Mr. Perkins' office said that indications were found and several men prosecuted on criminal charges.

## OUR LITTLE GIRL'S IN SCHOOL.



# BOARD MEMBERS PLACED ON STAND

Inspector Found Lyons Credited With More Votes Than Had Been Cast.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 23.—At the resumption of the trial of Mayor Bell in criminal court today Michael J. Noone, assistant street commissioner; George Hagelskamp and D. M. Meek, members of the election board in the seventh precinct of the 10th ward at the primary election were called as witnesses.

Noone, who testified that he had been appointed substitute treasurer in the campaign admitted that he had collected about \$100 from saloon keepers in the foreign district and had turned the money over to Mayor Bell at the city hall.

Hagelskamp testified that the democratic inspector had stopped the tallying in his precinct when it was found that Edward Lyons was credited with more votes than had been cast, and that tallying was not resumed until Election Commissioner W. W. Spencer had destroyed the erroneous tally sheet.

Meek testified that he had found Lyons to have had 30 votes more than were ballots cast, but admitted on cross-examination that he did not know the number of votes cast for Lyons. Meek also testified that he had been indicted for election conspiracy, but that he had been released without bond, and had not entered into any agreement to give Lyons more votes than he was entitled to.

## BOSTON WINS.

BOSTON, Sept. 23.—The Boston Americans defeated Cleveland heroes in the first game by a score of 5 to 4.

# Entire Armenian Race Likely To Be Wiped Out By Turks

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Official reports detailing the massacre of hundreds of Armenians—men, women and children—at the hands of the Turks are today in the hands of the state department. They come from Ambassador Morgenthau and consular representatives in Turkey, but the department refuses to make them public because of possible violation of neutrality and also because they are considered confidential.

However, an intimation of their contents has leaked out through the presence of Charles R. Crane of Woods Hole, Mass., close adviser of President Wilson, and James L. Barton of Boston, chairman of the American board of foreign missions.

Crane has been permitted to see the reports made by Ambassador Morgenthau which state that all unofficial efforts to relieve the unfortunates have failed and the entire race is certain to be wiped out if the

## WILL REFER TREATY TO HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Germany Willing to Let Experts Agree as to Damages Due on William P. Frye.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Germany today agreed that the interpretation of the Prussian Treaty of 1828 shall be referred to The Hague tribunal. In a new note dealing with the case of the American Bark William P. Frye, sunk by the German commerce destroyer Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Germany says that there will be no need of naming any umpire.

The question of agreeing on the amount of damages is to be left to experts, one to be appointed by each nation. Germany selects as her expert, Dr. Kopp of the North German Lloyd Steamship Co. In the new note made public today, Germany stated that she does not want any violation of the treaty but is willing that its provision should be interpreted by The Hague.

In the meantime however, Germany says that it cannot agree that it must stop proceedings against American ships during the time of the proceedings before the tribunal. Germany further says that she will not destroy any merchantman carrying conditional contraband in the future, but will destroy any vessel falling in German hands which carried absolute contraband as named in the declaration of London.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Count Johann von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States received from his government an important message concerning the sinking of the Allan Liner Hesperian. The message, which states that the Hesperian was not sunk by a German submarine, will go forward to the state department at once.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 23.—The Official Gazette of the Hungarian government today printed a decree calling to the colors all males born in 1877 before Oct. 15.

# HAITIENS LIKELY TO START TROUBLE

Cacos Said to be Massing in Great Numbers—Rebels Given Five Days.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—American marines have commenced the disarmament of the rebellious Cacos in Haiti. Admiral Caperton today called the navy department that the situation was serious and that unless all of these rebels are disarmed it will be impossible for the Americans to retain control.

He stated that while the situation on the sea coast was nominally quiet, his information was that Cacos were massing in great numbers in the interior and he intimated that sharp work would be cut out for the marines and bluejackets before they will be able to secure the uninterrupted passage of food into the coast cities from the interior.

The rebels will be given five days within which to surrender their arms after which Col. Waller and his marines will act.

## MONTREAL THEATER BURNS

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Fire wrecked the Princess theater today with a loss estimated at \$200,000. Several firemen were injured in fighting the flames, which broke out after two explosions.

Phillips Nelson Terry has been appearing at the Princess in "Tribby" this week.

# HUNT PRINCE 'CHARLES' FOR DOUBLE MURDER

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 23.—Police today found a clue of the Marguerite Favar and J. C. Crowell murder that it is believed started in Los Angeles. A mysterious "Prince Charles" is being sought. He is said to be a man with brown hair, brown eyes and a figure like Adonis. He has been seen at the woman's apartments, the last time two days before Crowell arrived from Greenwood, Miss.

"Prince Charles" according to post-office authorities in Memphis, had called at the general delivery window with Mrs. Favar for mail. Fred Badley, her alleged uncle cannot fix the identity of "Prince Charles." He claims no such person was known to Mrs. Favar but Frances Wert, the woman's maid told the police today that the man had been in the apartments frequently and that she had heard him and Mrs. Favar talk of Los Angeles and of people she knew. The two suspects arrested have been released. One was the janitor of the flat building and the other a driver of Crowell's car.

# T. H. MAYOR IS INDICTED BY COUNCIL

Thirty-two Charges Are Returned Against James M. Gossom, Who Succeeded Donn Roberts.

## SAYS HE IS WILLING TO LET PEOPLE DECIDE

Meeting is Held Near Midnight and Action is Taken in Ten Minutes—Accused to Give Battle.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 23.—Thirty-two charges, embracing misuse of city funds and city property, appropriating city funds and city property to his own use, extortion of money from city employees for private use, non-payment of debts, excessive use of liquor, using his office for private gain, making false charges against members of the common council, causing liquor to be brought into the city hall, that he is immoral and corrupt, that he is a drunkard, that he is a tax dodger, that he bears a bad reputation for truth and veracity, and numerous other minor charges were made against Mayor J. M. Gossom of Terre Haute in a unanimous vote for a hastily called meeting shortly before midnight last night.

Mayor Gossom assumed office when former Mayor Donn M. Roberts was impeached, following his sentence to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for election frauds. Gossom was appointed city controller by Roberts during the election conspiracy trial in order that a man of his own choice would succeed him.

When informed by a newspaper man of the action of the council, Mayor Gossom expressed surprise and said:

Up to the People.  
"You may say that I am a quitter, but I am not. I am willing to let the people decide whether the brewery interests shall rule or have law and order prevail."

Gossom would make no further statement until he had consulted his attorney, other than that he would defer his vacation and fight the council.

Although there has been some talk regarding the impeachment of Mayor Gossom, the action came unexpectedly. The council was in session less than 10 minutes, its action being the reading and adoption of the charges against the mayor and the ordering of the chief of police to serve summons on witnesses.

Gossom created a stir several weeks ago when, after obtaining resignations from members of the board of public safety, he appointed a pastor and two business men to the board, but had been active in politics to the board. He had announced his intention to "clean up" the city and since then nearly all of the Roberts men have been removed from office.

He recently organized the board of public works and the board of public safety and many Roberts appointees were removed from office, their successors being men recommended by an advisory board composed of representatives of various civic organizations of the city. Charles S. Batt, whom Donn M. Roberts removed as city attorney a year ago, was present at last night's meeting and has been active in an advisory capacity to the council since his removal. Batt has been active in opposition to Mayor Gossom's "clean up" program.

# SECOND INQUIRY IS SENT VIENNA

United States Wants to Know What Austria Will Do in Dumba Case.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Austria's delay in replying to the administration's demand for the recall of Ambassador Dumba is causing intense irritation in official quarters. As a result a second inquiry has been sent to the American minister at Bern, Switzerland, asking him to get in touch with Ambassador Penfield at Vienna and find out what the situation really is.

Although unofficial advice declares that Austria has accepted the demand for her ambassador's recall in a friendly spirit and will do so, there is no official word yet available from the Vienna foreign office.

Because of this the state department has declined to arrange for a safe conduct for Dr. Dumba on his personal request.

Meanwhile it is admitted that so soon as all of the Archduke letters are available this government will act against others than Dumba. It is considered absolutely certain that Count von Bernstorff will be asked to send Capt. von Papen home without delay and that the residing here of Alexander Nuber von Persek as Austrian consul general at New York and possibly some other Austrian officials will be cancelled without delay.

The question of criminal prosecutions still is in the hands of the department of justice, which has not yet reached a decision.